

NAVY TO WAR ON WIRELESS NOVICES

Investigation To Be Made as
Result of Interference with
Message of Distress.

TO SEEK FEDERAL LAW

Officials by Requiring Licenses Hope
to Check Amateur Operators Who
Hamper Seaboard Business.

Serious and flagrant interference by amateur wireless operators in the transmission of legitimate messages along the Atlantic seaboard has aroused the Navy Department to such an extent that an official investigation will be begun to-day. Immediate action was prompted when a message of distress from the torpedo boat destroyer Terry a week ago was interrupted by novice operators here, causing a delay of more than an hour.

Officials in the Brooklyn Navy Yard say they have the names of several young men who were responsible for the interference in the transmission of the message from the disabled Terry. While the pernicious interference cannot be stopped by law now, the naval officials hope to check it by a personal canvass of the amateur operators and by continued agitation cause the enactment of a federal law requiring all operators to obtain a license.

"The incident of the Terry a week ago is argument enough for a federal license law," said one of the navy investigators yesterday. "For more than an hour amateur operators interfered with the receipt of the message of distress. They were asked repeatedly to cease their activity in sending inane and useless messages to each other. Instead of complying with the request several of them retorted with impudent replies.

"During the delay the fierce gale and high seas that battered the distressed destroyer put her wireless outfit out of commission and we were unable to learn her exact position to rush aid to her.

"Our country is the only one in the world in which all wireless operators are not required to have a license. There are approximately more than five hundred amateur operators in and around New York. Their interference with legitimate messages when vessels are in distress and exasperating to professional operators, who have difficulty in receiving and sending legitimate messages.

"On Saturdays and Sundays the amateurs keep the air charged with messages and it is next to impossible to carry on the regular business. It is from this fact that we deduct that most of the amateurs are schoolboys who then have time to carry on their experiments. We have estimated that among 500 young men or amateurs who have outfits at least half that number own and operate a sending equipment. It is the sending that causes the 'break' in messages being received by professional operators. Sometimes it is possible to check the amateurs by a process known as 'tuning them out.' But for the most part the operators are powerless to 'call them off.'

"We do not wish to be represented as discouraging young men who are ambitious in carrying on experiments in wireless operation. For the most part they are young geniuses who have built their own stations. But when it is realized how serious their interference is at times and what it might cost if some vessel was in distress it can be appreciated that action must be taken. The final solution lies in the federal license, but in the meantime we will do all in our power to discourage interference with legitimate messages.

Yesterday's Fires.

Fires reported yesterday:—
12 A. M., No. 432 East 15th street; Armen de Angelis; trifling.
12:40 A. M., No. 133 Greene street; Leader Water Company; \$2,000.
12:50 A. M., No. 415 Fourth avenue; Harvard Lunch Company; \$150.
1:15 A. M., No. 46 Canal street; A. Hannebaum; trifling.
2:30 A. M., No. 66 Rutgers street; A. Frager; trifling.
2:30 A. M., No. 314 West Nineteenth street; Michael Gomley; trifling.
3:45 A. M., No. 634 West Broadway; owner unknown; trifling.
3:45 A. M., No. 72 Cooper square; H. Schuman; \$300.
4:35 A. M., No. 141 Broadway; National Express Company; \$50.
5:15 A. M., No. 29 Cooper square; H. Greenberger; \$200.
7:25 A. M., No. 313 Washington street; N. Durham & Son; \$5.
7:25 A. M., No. 323 East Forty-first street; Della Cohen; \$25.
8 A. M., No. 300 East Twenty-second street; Carmel Wine Company; no damage.
8:35 A. M., No. 353 West Fifty-eighth street; United States Fire Supply Company; \$1,000.
8:40 A. M., No. 76 Monroe street; Morris Wang; trifling.
9:10 A. M., No. 841 East 21st street; Charles Forness; \$15.
9:35 A. M., No. 181 Lincoln avenue; Carrie Krieger; \$25.
10 A. M., No. 148 Orchard street; Henry Levin; trifling.
10:15 A. M., No. 449 West Thirty-sixth street; John Eldowitz; trifling.
10:20 A. M., No. 4, 233 Third avenue; H. Heiliger; trifling.
10:45 A. M., No. 7 Weehawken street; Joseph Hackett; \$10.
10:45 A. M., No. 223 East Fourth street; Mrs. Newman; trifling.
11:20 A. M., No. 2, 289 Third avenue; B. Campanella; \$50.
12:45 P. M., No. 655 Greenwich street; Mrs. McDonald; no damage.
12:50 P. M., No. 107 Seventh street; Ida Becker; \$20.
12:55 P. M., No. 145 West Eighty-sixth street; Elizabeth Hartin; trifling.
1:15 P. M., No. 203 Seventh avenue; owner unknown; trifling.
1:30 P. M., No. 28 Silver street; Refano Molinello; \$5.
1:35 P. M., No. 1,003 Lexington avenue; Irving Blake; \$10.
1:55 P. M., No. 112 Goerck street; Morris Levy; trifling.
2:40 P. M., No. 300 East Fourteenth street; John Gotay; trifling.
2:55 P. M., No. 61 Madison street; Rose Lorenzo; \$35.
3:15 P. M., No. 233 Henry street; Dr. A. Berow; trifling.
3:45 P. M., No. 730 East 16th street; C. Winters; \$100.
4:15 P. M., No. 23 Second street; Jacob Feinberg; \$10.
5:10 P. M., No. 3 Attorney street; P. Jeller; trifling.
5:15 P. M., No. 385 East 123d street; N. Komak; \$150.

Campion's Body Chopped Out of Ice Tomb; Steel Bars Sawed to Release Death Grip



REMOVAL OF MR. CAMPION'S BODY FROM THE FIRE RUINS.

Workmen Labor for Hours in Peril in Equitable Ruins to Get to Vault Door Where Captain of Watchmen Was Crushed—\$300,000,000 in Securities Taken Out and Big Crowds Force Police to Again Close Broadway.

Workmen in the Equitable fire ruins yesterday afternoon recovered the body of William Campion, captain of watchmen of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company. The body was in a kneeling position and faced the street at the Broadway entrance to the vaults. One hand, still gripped the iron bars covering the door, while the other was pressed against the fire victim's face.

The recovery of the body was attended by constant danger to the men who volunteered to free it from the debris which had fallen on Campion and crushed out his life. To reach the barred door it was necessary first to chop through fifteen feet of ice that blocked the way. Over head hung tons of ice.

When the door was finally cleared of ice and wreckage it was found impossible to reach the body from the opening in the bare through which William Gblin, president of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company, was rescued last Tuesday. Four bars, including the one about which was gripped by the hand of the dead man, were melted with an acetylene smelter and the softened metal sawed in two.

Big Crowds Visit Ruins.
It was soon after one o'clock when the workmen reached the body, but not until fifteen minutes after four o'clock did they liberate it from the frozen debris. The body was sheathed in a shroud of ice.

Thousands of persons visited the ruins yesterday. During the afternoon the crowd became so great that the police again closed Broadway to pedestrian.

More than five thousand men and women tramped among the graves in Trinity Cemetery and tried to watch the work of recovering Campion's body. They were able to see little, for the police created a wooden screen in front of the door to the vaults, which cut off the view of those passing in the street.

All day the work of taking securities and records from safes and offices in the building continued. F. W. Fulle, vice president of the Equitable Trust Company, whose offices were at Nassau and Pine streets, supervised the transportation of the last of the valuable papers of that company to the new office, at No. 113 Broadway. Mr. Fulle said the value of the securities saved from the vaults was \$300,000,000.

H. B. Hyde's Picture Unharmed.
Officials of the Equitable Life Assurance Society yesterday discovered that the life sized portrait of Henry B. Hyde, which hung in the board room on the second floor, had not been damaged, and also that several small statues of the founder of the company had, like the large statue that stood in the rotunda, escaped the flames. The portraits of William C. Alexander, the first president of the society, and of H. B. Hyde, were destroyed.

Three hundred and fifty workmen yesterday hoveled up the third, fourth and fifth floors. To-day they will begin tearing down the shaky walls and partitions within the building.

To prevent weakening the foundations of the burned building, and adjoining structures, engines began yesterday to pump the water from the cellar.

Funeral services for Battalion Chief Walsh will be held to-morrow morning at the Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Fort Hamilton Parkway and Forty-first street, Brooklyn. The Rev. J. J. O'Neill, rector of the church, will celebrate mass. His assistants will be Fathers McGean and McRonan, chaplains of the Fire Department. A detail of battalion chiefs will act as pallbearers.

FIRE VICTIMS ASK AID.
Joseph B. and Ella Braman, Notaries, Lost Office in Equitable Building.
ALL our Equitable Building office destroyed (uninsured), solicit financial aid to establish another nearby. It is either that or go to a Masonic, Elk or Soldiers' Home. Address at No. 549 West 145th st., or telephone Audubon-322. JOSEPH B. and ELLA BRAMAN, notaries and commissioners of deeds for all State, Canada and abroad.

In the hope that their plight may be recognized before it is necessary to them to enter a charitable home or institution, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Braman, victims of the fire that destroyed the Equitable Building last week, yesterday inserted the above advertisement in the personal column of the HERALD. Mr. Braman said yesterday that he has not money enough to furnish a new office. He said he is a veteran of the civil war and a graduate of Harvard University, having graduated from there with the class of 1885. He completed his interrupted course at the university, he said, after serving as a cavalryman through the war.

FOUR ESCAPE FIRE BY LEAP INTO TREE
Edward A. McCoy, Child in Arms, Leads Way from Burning Home and Wife Follows.

Risking his own life to save his wife and two children from death in a fire that destroyed their home, at No. 112 Washington street, East Orange, N. J., Edward A. McCoy, a wealthy manufacturer, early yesterday morning leaped from a window on the second floor of the house into the branches of a tree with one of the children in his arms and slid to the ground in safety.

After she had thrown the second child to her husband Mrs. McCoy jumped from the window and was saved from injury by Mr. McCoy. A servant tried to escape the same way, but lost her balance and, falling, broke her leg.

The members of the family were asleep on the second floor when the fire, starting from a cause not yet ascertained, swept through the lower floor and sent clouds of smoke into the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. McCoy. Escape by the stairs was cut off when Mr. McCoy was awakened by the fire. He aroused his wife and opened the window, while she dragged the children from their beds.

Smoke was pouring into the room when Mr. McCoy, clad only in pajamas, grasped the youngest girl in his arms, leaped on the window sill and jumped into the tree. He landed safely on a stout branch, but his hands and body were badly cut and bruised in the descent.

Placing the child he had saved against the foot of the tree, Mr. McCoy, according to his wife to drop the second child out of the window. He caught her in his arms and then directed his wife to jump. Mrs. McCoy also escaped injury.

In the meantime the shouts of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy aroused Miss Mary Frank and Miss Annie Lynch, servants. They reached the window just as Mrs. McCoy jumped. Miss Lynch followed her example and escaped unhurt. The other young woman slipped as she was making ready to spring and fell against the roof of a porch. She was picked up unconscious and taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

The fire destroyed the house, causing a damage estimated at \$25,000. Neighbors cared for Mr. McCoy and his family. He is a member of the firm of J. B. McCoy & Sons, manufacturers of electrical fixtures, with offices in West Thirtieth street.

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DENIED CUSTODY OF CHILD, KILLS WIFE

"Baby Dearer to Me Than Life," Says
Divorced Man—Shoots Mother-
in Law and Himself.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ADRIAN, Mich., Sunday.—Because the court had deprived him of the custody of his three-year-old child, Audrey, whom, he declared, was "dearer to me than life itself," Archie D. Camp, of Palmyra, shot and killed his wife to-day, fatally injured his mother-in-law and put a bullet into his head, from which he will die.

Mrs. Camp got a divorce and the custody of the only child. Camp was permitted each week to see her. He went to the home of the child to-day and spent an hour in the presence of the mother and

mother-in-law. Then he demanded that his wife return to him. She refused and Camp fired a bullet into her lungs. Another shot went into the breast of his mother-in-law and a moment later he fired a bullet into his head.

Letters found upon Camp gave a detailed account of his business affairs and provided for the care of the child.

In a letter written to-day to Judge O'Malley, whom he blamed for his trouble, Camp said:—"You have simply taken every right and enjoyment away from me; listened to the unjust side and disregarded the thought that I loved that child. I would have felt very different had I had the comfort of the little one. Besides, I lost very nearly everything, and it has caused me to become discouraged. I have nothing left to stay any longer."

Camp is thirty-four years old, his wife was thirty-five.

EACH ACCUSES THE OTHER.
Eugene and Joseph Furman Are Contradictory in Stories of Their Brother's Murder.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Sunday.—Accompanied by two policemen Eugene Furman

eighteen years of age, was taken from the city jail here at one o'clock this morning to his home, at No. 106 North street. From there the officers went over the route he declared that he and his brother Joseph traversed when they carried the body of their brother, Theodore Furman, in two pieces and buried it in a cinder car.

Joseph Furman, who was accused by Eugene of the murder and who had not spoken concerning the crime since his arrest on Thursday, broke silence at midnight last night and told Chief McCouch that Eugene killed Theodore with an axe and cut the body in pieces with it, then carrying it in two trips to the cinder car.

Eugene and Joseph have each accused the other of the murder. It is expected that they will be arraigned on a charge of murder to-day.

Father Faces Murder Charge.
William Quinn, twenty-one years old, of No. 318 West Forty-sixth street, died of a bullet wound yesterday in Flower Hospital. His mother, Mary, dangerously wounded by two bullets, is in the same hospital. Patrick Quinn, accused of shooting both his son and wife, from whom he was separated, is under arrest.

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